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HOUSE RESOLUTION 311
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the officers and members of the Rockwood Civitan Club on eighty years of dedicated public service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize and commend those exemplary organizations that are dedicated to improving the quality of life of the citizens of this great State; and

WHEREAS, the Rockwood Civitan Club is one such outstanding organization which has diligently served the Rockwood community for eighty years; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2002, the members and officers of the Rockwood Civitan Club will celebrate this landmark anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Rockwood Civitan Club was organized on November 15, 1921 and is dedicated to preserving the past and preparing for the future; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding members of the Rockwood Civitan Club live by the organization's creed to do the work of the world and reach out in service to others, to hear the cry of children, and the call throughout the world for peace, guidance, progress, and unity, to

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build good citizens, to abide by the Golden Rule, and establish upon it a better and nobler citizenship; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its remarkable history, the Rockwood Civitan Club has been led by many upright and conscientious citizens who have established a rich tradition of public service in both their professional careers and in their endeavors with the Rockwood Civitan Club; and

WHEREAS, past Presidents of the Rockwood Civitan Club include Hammond Fowler, a former Public Service Commissioner; L. G. McCluen, Sr., a Criminal Court Judge; Paul Layne, a former Mayor; Ray R. Baird, a former State Senator; Peabody Ledford, a former Representative; and Harry T. Burn, who cast the deciding vote in the Tennessee Legislature which granted the right to vote to women in Tennessee by a Constitutional Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Rockwood Civitan Club are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, a few of this superb, service organization's projects have been to help build the football field at Rockwood High School, construct a shelter for the handicapped at the high school football facility so that handicapped citizens could watch the games and not be exposed to severe weather, establish a walking trail in Rockwood to promote good health, and sponsor a scholarship each year for a graduating Senior at Rockwood High School; and

WHEREAS, throughout its eighty year existence, the Rockwood Civitan Club has, indeed, established an outstanding tradition of public service, and provided an invaluable service to the citizens of Rockwood and this State; Tennessee is fortunate to have such an exceptional program within our borders; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this General Assembly to pay tribute to one of Tennessee's most remarkable service organizations, the Rockwood Civitan Club, on the occasion of this significant anniversary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate the Rockwood Civitan Club, which has splendidly and industriously served the community of Rockwood for eighty years, and wish its officers and members continued success in all their future endeavors in public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.